

TOMATO QUEEN

"National Tomato Festival"

The fifth annual National Tomato Festival was held in Leamington, Ontario, September 12, 1959. Miss Anne Graham and Miss Lyn Irwin were chosen as candidates from Blenheim District High School, along with eighteen candidates from other district schools.

In July the contestants were honoured by the Chamber of Commerce and officials of the town at a luncheon. At this time also, each girl was interviewed for a radio broadcast. On the evening of the Festival three thousand people gathered at the Leamington Arena where they were entertained by Chicago's Frank Bridge and his orchestra and the "Chordettes" until the crowning of the Tomato Queen.

Between the hours of nine and eleven the twenty contestants were eliminated to six semi-finalists, then three finalists. Each girl was presented with lovely gifts and Miss Anne Graham, the runner-up received a one hundred dollar cheque and approximately fifty dollars worth of gifts.

by Anne Graham



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CRYSTAL BALL



Lorraine Needham

The Crystal Ball

At one of the largest dances held in South-Western Ontario, twelve girls vied for the title of "Queen of the Crystal Ball."

The Queen was chosen in the Hi-Neighbour Hall, following the annual Queen's banquet at the William Pitt Hotel. The selections were made on the basis of personality, beauty, poise, posture, and academic standing.

Our school was fortunate in having Lorraine Needham, better known as "Oz", as our candidate. She was chosen for this honour by the Students' Council. Although she was not one of the top three, those of us present at the Crystal Ball felt very proud as she took her place on the stage.

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